



On the Edge

Newsletter of the Golden Gate Speed Skaters and the Northern California Speedskating Association
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Minutes of NCSA Meeting of Oct. 17, 1993

In attendance: Paul Albert, Barbara Smith, Ron Heemskirk, Jose Muniz, Jim Minami, Bonnie Crater, Mary Wong
In the kitchen: Greg Wong

CHANGE IN SUNDAY SESSION

Bonnie Crater has been in touch with the management of Ice Capades/Fashion Island. She met with them to firm up race dates (more on that later.) The rink is proposing that we contract with them for private ice time,

rather than pay through the door. We have had the \$5 pay-at-the-door for a couple of years. Bonnie was able to negotiate a good price, but we will all have to pay a little more to cover the cost until we attract new skaters. The start date is not set yet, but expect to start paying \$7.50 Sundays soon. The rink proposed November 1. The first Sunday is Nov. 7. The Tuesday sessions, like those Jim put together last year will probably start this December.

Sunday sessions will be run by and paid for by the association, NCSA. Skaters will be asked to pay \$30 for four sessions. Those paying for less than four sessions will pay \$10 per session. The four sessions you purchase will be consecutive. If you miss one, then in effect, you have paid \$10 each for three. Please consider this cost the way you would look at dues, or lessons. Race fees are separate from skating fees. Whenever the Tuesdays get started, they will be operated by Golden Gate. Last year, Paul and Jim made the arrangements for Tuesdays. Jim is going to speak to the manager to see if there is a better time slot for the Tuesday session. Look for more complete information on them by the end of November.

NCSA members get a break on race prices. If membership grows, then we can consider a break on the Sunday sessions.

POSTERS!!!

We really haven't done any active advertising, and have not seen an increase in membership. We have been "coasting" for about 2 years. This increase in Ice Fees may be just the kick in the lycra we need to go out and attract new members. I put together some bright colored 8 1/2 x 11 posters, featuring photos of skaters. I will show some at the rink. We need someone with an S.F. area phone # to let us use your first name and phone number. Thankyou Ron, Bonnie and Chris, Barbara, Jim and Greg for letting me put yours out there.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Shirley Yates sent notices out to all associations explaining where the ASU stands right now with regard to proof of citizenship. They had made a ruling that all members submit original certified birth certificates, or certified copies of immigration papers. (Of course, it is illegal to photocopy those.....) Anyway, they have heard the voices of the complaining masses and have softened their stance, for now. All who may be skating at Nationals or North Americans, EVER, should have on file with the ASU, a regular copy of their birth certificate or passport, or "green card." If it isn't there, you won't skate. (By the way, the 777m is no longer a race distance for classes above intermediate.)

**** END OF MINUTES****

NEW RINK UPDATE

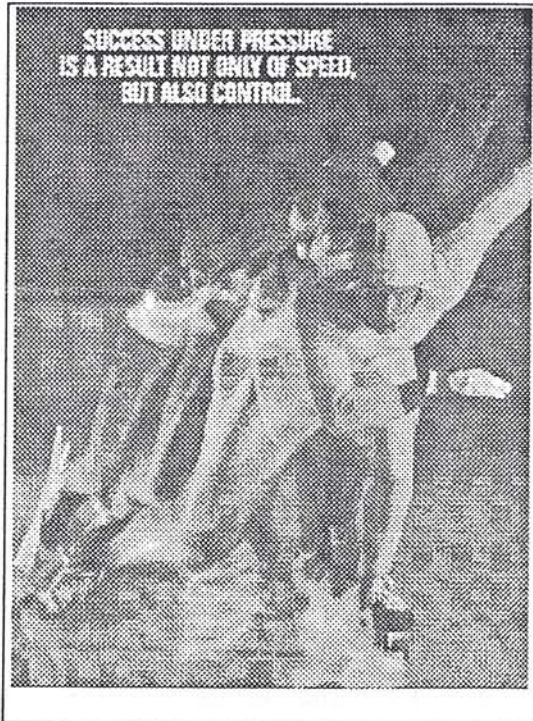
I went down to the new Icoplex in Warm Springs, in south Fremont. They held an open house on Oct. 23. This rink is being operated by the same people who opened the Icoplex in Van Nuys. They have some nutty ice time available at \$175/hr from 1-5 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. I told them that most of us have families and we just can't do that. (Well, heck, why didn't you say so? We have midnight to 5 a.m. on weeknights!)

Craig, the manager at Berkeley Iceland is still talking about the possibility of a Wednesday session; if he cut the public session short, and sold ice to the speedskater from 9:45 - 10:30 p.m. But then he admitted that the public ice is already quite empty for the last 1/2 hour. Craig told me about a new rink nearing completion in San Jose. I thought he was talking about the arena, but he described a double rink near Spartan Stadium. When he saw that I thought he was crazy, he told me he saw it himself, and he gave me the manager's home number. **HAVE ANY OF YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS PLACE YET?** Apparently it is a side-by-side double ICE rink, with both rinks standard hockey size. (We really need to consider hosting a major event there, if it is as good as he says.)

On Oct. 23 I went to the Icoplex and got the nickle tour. It is a mirror image of the Van Nuys rink. I called the manager of the San Jose rink. He was very friendly; he used to manage Sun Valley. One of his rinks should be up and running by mid-Nov., the other 1/2 by mid Dec. I couldn't resist driving down to see the building. It is across the street from Spartan Stadium at San Jose State, and also across from a sports field called, appropriately, Winter Field. I am envisioning a west coast training camp, done by ASU.

SKATERS IN MEDIA

The Oct. 18 issue of INFO WORLD, pg. 58; Hey, I know those guys! Microsoft is using an ad featuring three skaters pacing toward the viewer; the tag-line reading "Success under pressure is a result of not only speed, but also control." Kenny Mastrianna is easily recognizable, Haj Sano and Joey Fresquez follow. If you can get your hands on copies, please pick them up. These guys want some.



Deadline Rush!
I met with the
guys building the
San Jose rink -
we discussed all sorts
of stuff! More Later!
Mary

